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I agree with Bill 10 because production of plastic bags causes many environmental issues especially on the islands of Hawaii. By banning plastic bags it will reduce the amount of oil used to produce them, reduce the number of animals who die due to consumption, and it will reduce pollution. When we burn oil to make plastic bags it creates excess carbon dioxide that contributes to global warming. Animal such as our green sea turtle sees plastic bags in our ocean it mistakes it for jelly fish which is in its diet and chokes and dies from swallowing the bag. Green sea turtles are already endangered. The plastic bags also aren't entirely biodegradable. Scientist have found that the ocean around us is full with tiny pieces of plastic that have been broken down from other plastics such as bags. These particles also release chemicals that harm health problems to marine life. The only negative effect to banning plastic bags is that there might be an inconvenience to people who shop at local grocery stores. However those people can purchase or use reusable bags to store products. Oahu needs to ban plastic bags because there are a lot of stores and industries on Oahu. Also since Oahu is highly populated many people use plastic bags which can become litter which poses a threat to life and pollution. Overall the positive benefits outweigh the negative outcomes for banning plastic bags.

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